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Dear Homer:

I was glad to see this letter (of April 7) and to note the broad solicitation of interest implicit in it.

I have been in recurrent touch with Al Hibbs and George Hobby at JPL concerning biological experiments on Mariner B. These are still somewhat tentative. Do you suggest

- 1. that I nevertheless take time to prepare formal proposals to you by the May 15 deadline, or
- 2. continue to deal informally with JPL, relying on them to incorporate the most feasible items in their own submission.

We would not require additional funds here; but JPL might to follow through.

Please reply by checking copy if this saves time.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Hobby  
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